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SUBJECT: LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. WHEN MEETING TODAY WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD, AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR RIAD'S ESTIMATE OF STATE OF PLAY OF NAC CONSIDERATION OF ISRAELI EXPULSION/SUSPENSION RESOLUTION. RIAD, WHO HAD JUST OBTAINED FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHAT OUTCOME MIGHT BE. AS SADAT HAD SAID AT KHARTOUM, EGYPT OPPOSES EXPULSION/SUSPENSION RESOLUTION AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. UNFORTUNATELY EGYPT IS NOT RPT NOT A MEMBER OF CONFERENCE "BUREAU" ARRANGING AGENDA, BUT HE INTENDS MONITOR THAT BODY'S ACTIVITIES AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE.

2. HE AND THE YUGOSLAVS HAD RECENTLY CONSULTED ON PARRYING AN ISRAELI EXPULSION RESOLUTION EFFORT.

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THEY HAD AGREED TO TRY TO WORK FOR TWO SEPARATE

CONFERENCE DECLARATIONS: ONE WOULD DEAL WITH POLITICAL AND THE OTHER WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE NAC. THERE WOULD BE PARAGRAPHS ON THE PALESTINIANS AND ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IN THE POLITICAL DECLARATION, BUT RIAD NOTED THAT THESE WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY AND "PRUDENTLY" TAILORED. HE HOPES THAT SUCH A DOCUMENT MIGHT BE IN LIEU OF AN EXPULSION/SUSPENSION RESOLUTION AND WILL SIMPLY REPRESENT AN NAC EXPRESSION OF POLICY. EGYPTIANS ALSO HAVE IN MIND THE CONCEPT OF PROPOSING THAT AN NAC OBSERVER GROUP MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORT BACK TO THE NEXT NAC SESSION. THIS, IN HIS VIEW, WILL HELP TO BUY TIME.

3. IN COURSE OF MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA TWO DAYS AGO, FAHMY HAD MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS ARE TONING DOWN THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ISRAELI EXPULSION RESOLUTION AND THAT THE PLO MAY BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW SUIT. I ASKED RIAD WHETHER THIS WAS STILL GOE ESTIMATE. RIAD SAID YUGOSLAVS HAVE INFORMED GOE OF THEIR IMPRESSION THAT PLO HAS TONED DOWN EFFORTS AND THAT SYRIANS MAY ALSO HAVE DONE SO SLIGHTLY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS INCONSISTENT WITH LATEST REPORT GOE HAS FROM DAMASCUS, WHERE KHADDAM HAS APPARENTLY INDICATED HE INTENDS TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO OBTAIN EXPULSION RESOLUTION AND CLAIMS HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF "NINETEEN ARAB STATES". IF KHADDAM TRIES TO DO SO AND RIAD EXPECTS THAT HE WILL, THIS COULD AGAIN PLACE EGYPT DEL IN AWKWARD SITUATION.

4. RIAD EXPECTS LIMA CONFERENCE WILL BE TOUGH FOR EGYPT DEL, BUT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HE CAN MANAGE. HE EMPLANES FOR NEW YORK AUG 21 AND WILL PROCEED FOLLOWING DAY TO LIMA.
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